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# CHEERS AND TEARS MARK MEMORIAL

SUNDAY saw up to 14,000 people demonstrate the affection which Deal holds for its favourite adopted sons – the Royal Marines.

Twenty years ago the country was appalled by an atrocity in which 11 young bandsmen from the Royal Marines School of Music were killed by an IRA bomb.

A further 21 were injured by the device, which exploded at 8.27am on September 22, 1989.

A 15lb time-bomb had been placed in the recreational centre of the music

■ BY NICK AMES AND  
JAMES ALEXANDRE

school by people who have never been positively identified and so never brought to justice.

The blast destroyed the building and levelled the adjacent three-storey accommodation block, killing the bandsmen, whose only role in active service would have been that of stretcher-bearers.

Emergency workers found the bodies of 10 of the victims in the rubble,

while another was discovered nearby. The act caused national revulsion, but served to strengthen the already firm links between Deal and the Marines.

A bandstand was erected close to the seafront which bears the names of those killed, and each year the Marines band, now based in Portsmouth, returns to play a concert. But this was extra-special because of the 20-year anniversary.

Lt Col Woody Page, of the Royal Marines, said: "The bombing was an atrocity and a crime. But we intend this concert to

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## PENSIONERS ADD THEIR SUPPORT

Five Chelsea Pensioners were among the thousands who gathered to watch the Royal Marines march past to mark the 20th anniversary of the IRA bombing.

The 1989 atrocity saw 11 bandsmen die in the blast and another 21 injured. On Sunday the bandsmen marched from the South Barracks to the bandstand, set up in memory of those who died, where they gave a concert. A minute's silence was observed in the memorial garden, followed by a Service of Rededication on Walmer Green.

Winfred Phillips, who is in her 80s and originally from Deal, was present – she is one of the first two women to have been accepted as Chelsea Pensioners.



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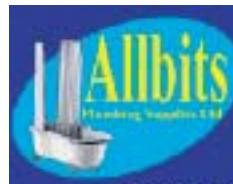
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POIGNANT: The band of the Royal Marines leading the procession through the town

# Concert tribute to victims of IRA explosion

FROM FRONT PAGE

reinforce the links between Deal and pay tribute to those who lost their lives as well as their families.

"Twenty years on from the tragedy, it is a memorial concert which demonstrates our remembrance and the continued links between Deal and the Royal Marines."

Joining the dignitaries were five Chelsea Pensioners, one of whom – Winifred Phillips – was originally from the town.

This year she became one of the first two women to be accepted into the Royal Hospital in Chelsea.

Sunday's tribute saw the Marines march from the site of the former South Barracks to the bandstand.

They went via Canada Road, where a minute's silence was observed alongside the memorial garden – the site of the bombing – before going back into the barracks and out through the Jubilee Gates.

The march proceeded along The Strand and on to Walmer Green, for a Service of Rededication before the concert itself.

Yvonne Stewart, of the town's Royal Marines Club, said: "The day went very well, it was extremely busy, there were thousands of people on the green and in The Strand.

"It was fantastic seeing the Marines parading through the town again, on the 20th anniversary – it was quite emotional.

"The club was packed, but it was completely silent when the rededication was read out. There were a few people with tears in their eyes."

Mayor of Deal Bill Gardner said: "It was an extremely good day – I've heard various estimates that between 10,000 and 14,000 people turned out.

"There were several injured soldiers from the Army rehabilitation centre at Headley Court who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan and were our guests of honour.

"I laid a wreath on behalf of the town council and the people of Deal.

"The Marines have had a strong association with Deal for more than 150 years and I'm hoping to organise a march for March or April."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Churchyard yew tree is wrecked by blaze

AN ANCIENT yew tree has been badly damaged by fire.

The tree, thought to be about 1,000 years old, is in the grounds of St Nicholas Church, Sholden.

The cause of the blaze has not been identified, but arson has not been ruled out.

The tree was subject of a preservation order, but only about a quarter of it has been left intact as the flames caused it to collapse.

## Bring your picnic for community day out

THE Walmer Parish Council Community Picnic will take place on Walmer Green on Saturday, August 8.

Music will be provided by the Kingsdown Band. Deal Air Training Corps be there, and there will be a flower show, fairground rides and a display of vintage cars.

Residents are invited to bring along their own food and drink from 1-4pm.

## Could you spare time to help at museum?

THE Timeball Tower Museum in Deal seafront needs volunteers.

The building is open from 11am-4pm daily and the trustees have been finding it difficult to cover the hours.

Staff hope that people with an interest in the town will volunteer. Training will be provided and times and days are flexible.

For details, call Stephen Chappell on 01304 368255 or Mike Carey on 01304 373417.

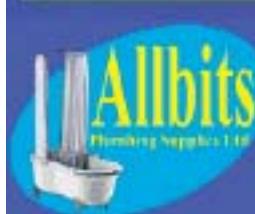
## Volunteers turn out to clean up the beach

TEN bags of rubbish were filled at a clean-up of Deal beach.

The exercise was part of the commitment of locals in keeping the town as clean as possible.

The clean up was organised by the Friends of North Deal who thanked everyone who turned up to help.

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# All-singing, all-dancing school for performers

■ BY NICK AMES

TV PRESENTER, actor, writer and theatrical producer Paul Hendy and his wife Emily Wood are setting up the county's own Fame Academy.

The couple from Eastry say they have been so impressed at the amount of talent shown by Kent's youngsters that they want to harness it and offer a career in showbiz for kids with stars in their eyes.

Paul, who is producing this year's Marlowe Theatre pantomime Peter Pan and hosted TV's *Wheel of Fortune*, has set up auditions on Saturday for anyone between the ages of eight and 18.

The try-outs for the Star Performers Academy will take place at Beauherne Primary School, Knight Avenue, Canterbury – which is also the setting for the venture.

Youngsters who win a place will be given training to prepare for a career in musical theatre, film and television.

Paul said: "Our aim is to offer young people the best possible training in the three key areas of theatre and television: singing, dancing and acting. We have always been impressed by the number of talented children in Kent and we hope that this academy will help them to channel that talent and energy. More than anything, we want to make performing arts fun."

"There are a number of schools doing drama, some doing dance and others music. But as far as we know we are the only school offering all three."



PROFESSIONALS: Paul Hendy and Emily Wood aim to use their experience to help others find a career in showbiz

Paul has been involved in TV for 15 years and theatre for more than 25; as well as *The Wheel of Fortune* he has featured on *Don't Try This At Home* and as a reporter on *This Morning*.

#### Entertainment

His writing for TV has included *Discover Portugal* and *Discover Wales*, *Talking TV* and *Dear Mr Barker*, a BBC show which was BAFTA-nominated in 1998.

In 2002, he hosted his own radio show called *The Paul Hendy Show* and also appeared as the



Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* at The Marlowe and as Fagin in *Oliver!* at the same theatre in April 2004.

Paul and Emily say they will use their own experience as well as their contacts throughout the world of show business to offer a start in a career in film, TV or music for those who want it.

"This is an extremely competitive field for anyone to come into," said Paul. "Nowadays it is really necessary to be an all-rounder in the entertainment field. That is why we are offering training in the three disciplines."

## Check before you pay for tickets online

CONCERT-goers and sports fans across the county are losing hundreds of pounds by attempting to buy tickets from bogus websites.

Kent Trading Standards has seen an increase in recent months in the number of complaints about websites claiming to sell tickets for concerts, festivals and sports events.

But when bought online, tickets do not arrive and the trader ignores a request for a refund.

The warning is being carried on the website for Deal and Walmer to inform people of the problem which has seen a number of local victims.

A trading standards spokesman said: "If you have paid by debit card, switch, solo, electron or cheque it is unlikely you will see your money again."

Anyone who does try and get a ticket over the internet is advised to use a credit card say the trading standards group as there is then a chance that the transaction can be nullified or the card company can compensate for lost money.

"We advise consumers to check a website before they commit to buying goods or services."

"Try to buy from official agencies, and always pay with a credit card."

## Your old bras could support charities

UNWANTED bras are being sought to benefit two charities.

A textile company will pay cash for those bras donated and then send them off to developing countries where there is a shortage of female underwear.

The cash received will then be donated to local good causes.

The Sandwich Ladies Circle – which covers all the local district – is organising the collection.

Spokeswoman Laura Kingsland said: "We are currently running an appeal which asks women to donate their unwanted bras."

"For every kilo of bras we collect, a textiles company will donate £1 to our chosen charity, which is the Kent Cancer Trust."

"They are then sent on to women in developing countries."

"Bra recycling campaigns similar to ours have gained a lot of publicity in recent weeks in other counties. It is a scheme which has been adopted nationwide."

"Almost every woman has a number of bras she no longer uses and so giving them to us will benefit two excellent causes – one elsewhere in the world and one very much closer to home."



The shortage of bras across the African continent and also in some south east Asian countries is caused by a lack of manufacturing textiles.

Also the technology to make them is quite complicated and so other items of clothing are made in their place to cope with overall demand.

Anyone who wishes to donate garments should send them to 187 Percy Avenue, Kingsgate, Broadstairs CT10 3LF.

## Great time to see flowers at the castle

WALMER Castle is filled with the heady scent of hundreds of beautiful blooms, as arrangements created for the Lord Warden's annual weekend go on display.

Those who love flowers will be able to view a selection of exquisite arrangements created by the castle's visitor operations team for the annual formal dinner and cocktail party hosted by Lord Warden Admiral Lord Boyce for local guests on the two preceding evenings.

"Summer, when the gardens are at their peak, is the best time to visit Walmer, and this week is the highlight," said supervisor Sally Mewton-Hynds.

"Although we always have flowers in the castle, these arrangements make the rooms look even more lovely."

#### Highlights

"We pick the blooms and colours to match and enhance each room."

Sally uses flowers grown in the castle gardens for the arrangements, including the roses which former Lord Warden, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was very pleased to see every time she paid a visit to Walmer.

There will be plenty of colour in the gardens, with highlights including the huge double herbaceous borders, and kitchen garden brimming with produce for use in the shop and Lord Warden's Tea Rooms.

The Rose Garden provides a sensory treat for visitors at this time of year, full of highly-perfumed varieties.

Those visiting can buy roses grown at the Castle – and play a game of croquet on Walmer's lawns.

The flower arrangements can be seen from 10am-6pm until Sunday.

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## Foal with no name adds to Konik herd

A SECOND Konik foal has been born at High Meadow nature reserve near Dover.

Children are being invited to suggest names for the new arrival, which is part of a herd of Konik horses released near Dover Grammar School for Boys.

And on Saturday, August 1, from 2pm-5pm, a name-the-foal event is being held at the reserve. There will be stalls and entertainment, with the winning name announced at 4pm.

Top prize is tickets to the Wildwood animal park, near Canterbury. The herd, which belongs to the Wildwood Trust, was released to restore the grassland.

To enter the competition, choose male and female names, say why you chose them and send a postcard with your name, school and contact number to White Cliffs Countryside Project, 6 Cambridge Terrace, Dover CT16 1JT by Friday, July 31.

## Channel cheapies

SEAFRANCE is offering peak-season travel at low cost to help families save money on their summer holiday.

If holidaymakers book their Dover-Calais crossing now they can travel to France from £29 each way.

The operator is also giving tips on places to go, including the Safari Lodge Village in Normandy, where families can enjoy watching lions, tigers and other animals roaming 120 acres.

Or for thrill-seekers, SeaFrance suggests the Domaine du Haut des Bluches in the Vosges mountains, with 180 miles of walking and cycling paths and activities including horse-riding and fishing.

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# Book's timely reminder of glory days by the seaside

■ BY MARIJKE COX

BILLOWING chalk cliffs, shifting panoramas and opulent yachts taking their ease from the up-Channel haul.

These are descriptions taken from a new book, *Beside The Seaside*, which celebrates life by the coast in Dover during the early 1960s, along with other coastal towns in the UK.

Its release to bookshops nationwide will come as a welcome respite from recent criticism of Dover, in which the port was dubbed "depressing" and "run-down" in the latest edition of the *Lonely Planet Guide to Britain*.

The book, which is edited by Ruth Petrie, brings together archives taken from The Guardian newspaper's extensive collection, with well-known author Geoffrey Moorhouse taking on Dover.

The extract is dated September 1961 and mentions key events in the town, including the first Channel swim, Louis Bleriot's flight across the

Channel and both world wars. Mr Moorhouse writes "With the exception of London itself, no place in the British Isles perpetuates our self-indulgent image as unflinchingly as Dover".

He goes on to talk about the famous white cliffs and "their promise of solidarity and independence".

He writes: "Men have been known to weep with relief at the sight of them. Others are said to have shaken their fists in frustration at their symbolism – a fossilised assurance that Britons shall never be slaves."

The extract also describes the bustle around the seafront, describing it as "busy as Waterloo station".

District councillor Nigel Collor, who was born and bred in the town, told Yourdover he thought that it was still possible to get the bustle back to Dover.

"We need to start talking the place up and get

recognition. We still have the assets here and I really think we can get the vibrancy back," he said.

"Regeneration is starting. We just need that last oomph and things will really begin to move forward."

In the book, Mr Moorhouse talks about the dangers of the Goodwin Sands and stresses that "Dover remains a port to reckon with" in comparison with other Cinque Port towns.

In the final passage, he refers to the Channel Tunnel, which was built 33 years later.

"At the foot of the Shakespeare Cliff is a tunnel which they dug in 1881, which stretches 2,000 yards under the sea, and which would have gone to Cap Griz Nez if the chauvinists had not had their way."

"If ever we are ever to have a Channel Tunnel this could well be the English end of it. The Gateway to England would sit splendidly among those cliffs."

*Beside The Seaside* is priced £14.99 and available from [www.guardianbooks.co.uk](http://www.guardianbooks.co.uk).

## FIVE-STAR UPGRADE ON THE MENU



A restaurant in the Alkham Valley has been ranked among the top ten per cent of places to eat in the UK.

The Marquis, near Dover, was highly commended by AA inspectors after scooping a five-star rating two months ago.

The fine-dining restaurant has now been upgraded to five yellow stars which puts it among Britain's top eateries.

Manager Ben Walton said: "Getting five stars was a real achievement, but to be upgraded to yellow stars is fantastic. Yellow stars are only awarded to those offering the very highest quality, so we're delighted."

The restaurant has attracted praise from a number of food and travel writers, with famous guests, including the team from Top Gear, stopping off to stay in the five luxury bedrooms.

The Marquis offers a lunch and dinner menu with two courses for £15.50 and £17.95 respectively and the bar is open to non-residents and non-diners.

Pictured are Hugh Oxborrow and Tony Marsden, who relaunched The Marquis as a restaurant. Visit [www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk](http://www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk), call 01304 873410, or email [info@themarquisatalkham.co.uk](mailto:info@themarquisatalkham.co.uk).

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WE'RE READY FOR ACTION: Dover lifeboat coxswain Stuart Richardson with crewman Martin Collins

# We'd be all at sea without the RNLI

WHEN there's trouble at sea the men and women of the Dover lifeboat are always ready to drop everything in the hope of saving a life.

The 30 crew – who give their time for free – turn up eagerly at the RNLI station regardless of the time of day, according to coxswain Stuart Richardson.

"We can only take seven of the crew on the boat, but a lot of the time they all show up wanting to help out," he said.

"It works on a rota basis. It's funny – they're often reluctant to admit they went on the last call-out in the hope that they can go on the next one."

"Those who don't come usually stay at the lifeboat station in case they're needed when we return."

Mr Richardson, 37, who has been coxswain of the Dover lifeboat for almost two years, said being part of the RNLI was a way of life: "We don't see it as job. Aside from training them up, being enthusiastic is the main thing we look for in volunteers."

Since January, the crew have been called out 29 times to deal with stranded sailors, grounded yachts and, last week, the unpleasant task of retrieving a body from rocks near Folkestone.

Crewman Martin Collins said: "Although it's hard, you get used to things like that. After I dealt with my first dead body I thought 'Right, I've done my first one' and you have to move on."

Relying solely on donations, the RNLI is one of many organisations hit hard by the recession.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Despite fund-raising events and generous donations, a knock-on effect from the downturn has led to a drop in funding which goes towards training, equipment and maintenance to the City of London II lifeboat.

Mr Richardson said: "We try to have a money reserve covering 12 months, so if we run out of money we can survive another year. But at the moment we only have a five-month reserve. We really need to get this up."

Dover lifeboat crew work closely with the coastguard and other onshore and offshore lifeboats along the south coast.

As well as carrying out rescues, they offer advice to yachtsmen and check boats are shipshape before they head to sea.

Mr Richardson said: "As much as we like going out on rescues, we would rather people were safe and didn't get into trouble."

"Our job is about helping people when they are struggling at sea, but a main factor is prevention. With the recession, more people are staying in the UK to holiday, but they may not be able to afford repairs to their boats so we are here to offer advice to make trips safer for them."

With the Channel being one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world, the lifeboat is an important part of Dover. Mr Richardson said: "This isn't just our lifeboat – it's a big part of the community."

"People should never be worried about calling the emergency services if they see someone in trouble at sea. It all helps save lives."

The crew are taking part in the Dover Regatta dragon boat race to raise money. To sponsor them, phone 01304 204280.

## Drummer Jade performs out of her skin

A YEAR seven pupil at Archers Court School in Dover has soared to success in music – passing an exam six months earlier than expected. Jade Ellyson, aged 12, sat her grade one drum-kit exam and passed with merit despite taking just 20 lessons.

The youngster also made it through to the final of the Musician of the Year competition and helped deliver percussion workshops to pupils at Sibbertswold Primary.

Her success follows the introduction of free music lessons to all year seven pupils at Archers Court.

Michael Yeoman, director of music at the school, said: "I am absolutely delighted with Jade's exam success and we're all proud of the hard work she and the other students have put in since the project began."

"This is just the start of an even more successful year to come in the music department."

Head-teacher Elaine Hamilton said music was really taking off at the school.

"Music is becoming an integral part of our community here at Archers Court and the response we have had to these initiatives and projects has been simply fantastic," she said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bar loses outdoor licence

A BAR in Dover has had the licence on its outdoor terrace removed after an inspection by the fire service.

Owners of the Funky Monkey bar in Bench Street were told their premises licence had been reduced so the smoking area was no longer covered.

It followed a visit from Kent Fire and Rescue Service, which was concerned about a wooden structure that had been built over the outside terrace.

Officers said in the event of a fire there was a likelihood of significant injury or death.

Dover council licensing manager Tony Bartlett said: "In difficult economic times we understand businesses will try different means to increase income."

"However, our primary concern has to be safety and we encourage businesses to talk to us before carrying out works like this."

The owners have 21 days to appeal.

## Neighbourhood forums

RESIDENTS are being invited to the next round of neighbourhood forum meetings.

Dover North discussions will be held today (Wednesday) from 7pm, at Pines Calyx in St Margaret's Bay.

Talks will be on making communities greener, with speakers from environmental charity the St Margaret's Bay Trust and climate-change campaigners Deal With It.

A Sandwich neighbourhood forum is being held tomorrow (Thursday) from 7pm at St Mary's Church hall, Church Street, Eastry. Doors open at 6.30pm.

### Ferry nice result for P&O

P&O Ferries has been voted as one of the best ten companies in the UK for customer service.

The Institute of Customer Service surveyed 25,000 people for its UK index and the ferry operator scored 83.9 per cent.

Jo Causon, the institute's chief executive, said the score was exceptional and made a benchmark for world-class customer service.

Helen Deepdale, chief executive of P&O Ferries, said: "I'm delighted the efforts of our staff have been recognised in this way and it will spur us on to strive even harder."

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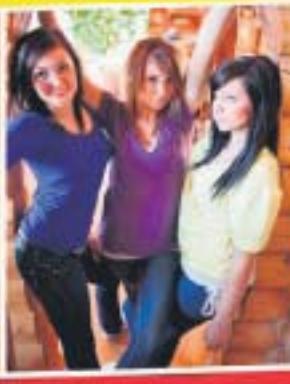
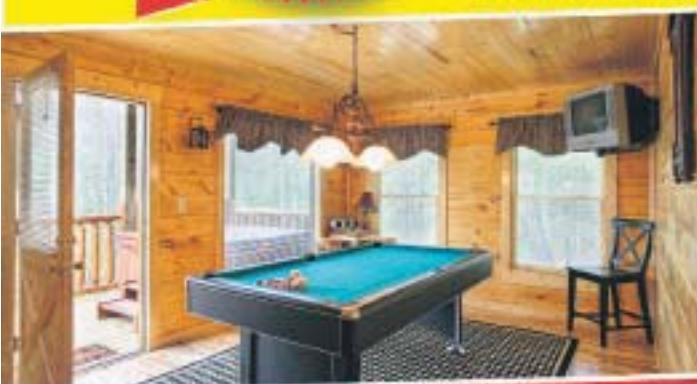
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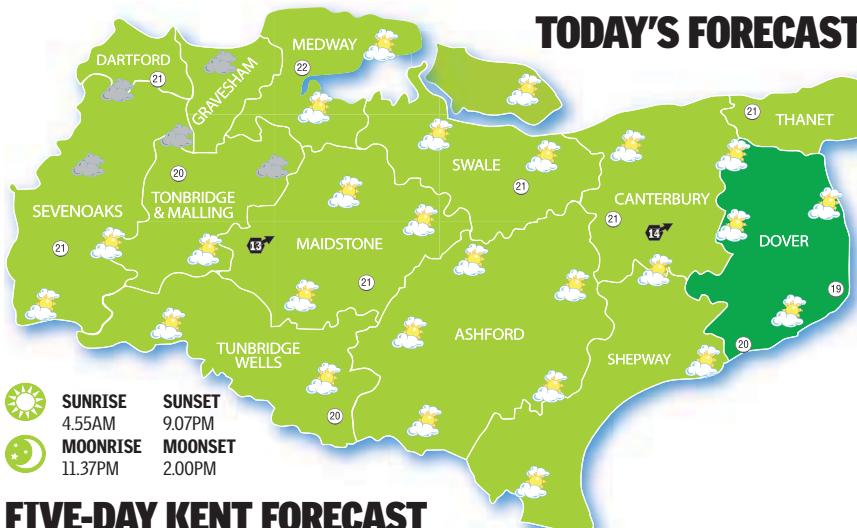
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	Sunday	10:42am	5.2m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	7:43am	5.6m
	Sunday	9:00am	5.7m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	7:55am	6.2m
	Sunday	9:08am	6.4m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	8:13am	4.2m
	Sunday	9:30am	4.3m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	9:17am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:30am	5.1m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	9:24am	4.6m
	Sunday	10:35am	4.7m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

<b>Amsterdam</b>	20°C	<b>Madrid</b>	35°C
<b>Athens</b>	30°C	<b>New York</b>	26°C
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<b>Beijing</b>	25°C	<b>Rome</b>	28°C
<b>Bombay</b>	30°C	<b>Sydney</b>	17°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	13°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	26°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	18°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	32°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	30°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	17°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	32°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	22°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	27°C	<b>Wellington</b>	8°C

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<b>Chatham</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	<b>Ramsgate</b>	21°C	22°C	22°C	20°C	20°C
<b>Dartford</b>	22°C	23°C	22°C	20°C	20°C	<b>Rochester</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
<b>Dover</b>	19°C	19°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	<b>Sevenoaks</b>	20°C	20°C	20°C	18°C	18°C
<b>Faversham</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	<b>Sittingbourne</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	19°C	19°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	<b>Tonbridge</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	<b>Tun Wells</b>	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C	19°C

## Castle's memorial plaque fine tribute to Lord Sandy

A PLAQUE has been unveiled at the new visitor information centre at Dover Castle in memory of former English Heritage chairman Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart.

It was unveiled at a ceremony on Thursday by his wife Lady Bruce-Lockhart in front of their son Mark and officials from local authorities.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart, who was Tory leader of Kent County Council in the 1990s and made a life peer in 2006, died of cancer last summer.

Before he was diagnosed, he had been appointed by the Government to chair English Heritage and became instrumental in helping secure the Sea Change fund for Dover.

The vital funding means a number of regeneration projects can start and the new visitor information centre at the castle – which has been dedicated to Lord Bruce-Lockhart – could be completed.

### Inspirational

Simon Thurley, English Heritage chief executive, said he was an inspirational and respected leader.

He said: "A memorial plaque at Dover's great castle, with its strategic and commanding location on the white cliffs, will serve as a lasting tribute to a great man."

The new visitor information centre is part of a range of works taking place at the castle to attract more tourists.

The glass and timber-clad building was designed by award-winning architects Wilkinson King and is almost twice the size of the previous temporary one.

There are 300,000 visitors per year to the castle, but English Heritage expects this to grow by 60,000 over the next two to three years.

Tracy Wahdan, operations director for the South East, said a larger, more welcoming centre was needed:

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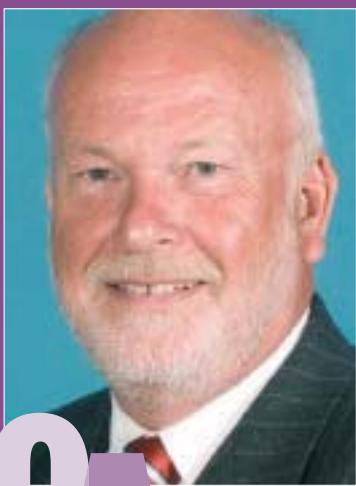
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### STEVE SALT



## Q & A

Did you know there is a watchdog that checks Kent Police is doing its job? We meet Kent Police Authority member Steve Salt to find out how he holds the force to account and how he would improve policing.

**Q** Can you tell us about your role in the police authority?

**A** My role is to oversee Kent Police and check it's doing a good job. I'm one of 17 members who regularly meet with the force to ask questions on behalf of the public to senior officers and staff.

I think it's really important that there is a south Kent representative on the police authority – someone to speak on community issues and represent local residents. My main role is to keep a close eye on budgets, look at audits and make sure Kent Police has the right finances in place.

**Q** Tell us about your background

**A** I've always enjoyed working with numbers and worked in the banking industry for 35 years. When I retired I decided to join the police authority and within two months I was appointed chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

I'm now in my fourth year, but it was a learning curve as the public-sector culture is very different to the private-sector background I came from.

**Q** What are your views on increasing police council tax?

**A** It was a hard decision and the authority looked at a range of options, but we did

decide on a small increase – 12 pence a week for a typical band D household. But this extra funding will give the public what they want: more police on the streets.

We're actually one of the lowest police authority shires in England and Wales. Now each district will have a dedicated task-team to further reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

**Q** Do you think you've achieved anything on behalf of police council taxpayers?

**A** My role is so important in making sure the public gets value for money for their policing service.

**Q** What's the biggest challenge you have to overcome?

**A** Understanding police finances can be quite daunting. You have to be able to get to grips with complex budgets. We are still laymen holding professionals to account.

I've spent quite a lot of time with my foot in the other camp – being the professional. Now it's round the other way – I'm holding Kent Police to account.

**Q** How do you relax?

**A** My biggest passion is travelling and I hope to go to New England this year.

I'm also a huge animal-lover and have three Irish setters, plus lots of cats.

I also really enjoy motorbikes. I took my bike test at 16 and have always loved the acceleration and adrenalin rush. My toy is a Triumph Tiger motorbike that does 0-60mph in just four seconds. Fantastic fun!

**Q** How would you improve policing?

**A** I'd like to see the money invested in the force getting real results – Kent Police becoming one of the top 10 performing forces in the country.

I'd also like to see more results from the Kent and Essex Police collaboration project where both forces join up on certain initiatives such as sharing a helicopter or marine services. In the last year alone we saved £3 million as a result.

**Q** How do you enjoy living in Kent?

**A** I used to live in the Cotswolds and moved to Kent 18 years ago due to work. As I retired at the age of 50 it's great to be so close to France and I like to pop across when I can.

**For more details of the Kent Police Authority and how to get involved, go to <http://kentpa.kent.police.uk>**

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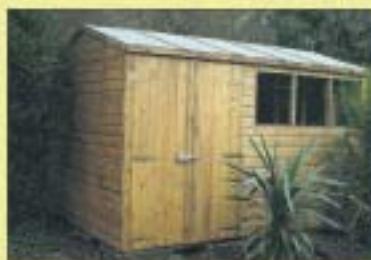
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# Experts baffled by speed camera revenue drop-off

■ BY EMILY HALL

THE number of speeding drivers caught by cameras has dropped by nearly two-thirds in a year, latest figures show.

The surprise drop has baffled road safety experts, but has been put down to a combination of drivers getting used to the cameras and the popularity of sat nav systems.

However, critics say the figures mean nothing if they don't coincide with a reduction in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries.

New statistics show that last year 22,701 drivers were clocked exceeding the speed limit by Gatso cameras and roadside vans – 34,833 fewer than the year before.

"This is a huge drop," said Katherine Barrett of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. "We think people are becoming more tolerant of cameras and more aware of where they are."

"We put signs up to warn motorists, have a ten per cent plus 2mph tolerance level and publish all the locations on the website, so there isn't really an excuse."

"Hopefully people are accepting that cameras are now a permanent safety feature on the roads and not there as revenue raisers."

Since the partnership was formed in 2002, 394,189 drivers have been snapped breaking speed limits at 75 fixed camera sites.

The fixed penalty notices handed out last year represent £1.3 million in revenue for the Government – a huge drop on the £3.4m made in 2007.

Speeding peaked in 2004 when 82,906 people were

Speeding tickets issued in last six years:	
July-Dec 2002	26,549
2003	69,049
2004	82,906
2005	65,185
2006	70,265
2007	57,534

caught, making £5m. Every driver has to pay at least a £60 fine and gets three points on their licence.

Terry Hudson, area organiser for the Association of British Drivers, said: "This looks good on paper but have the rates of accidents, deaths and injuries gone down, too?"

"Cameras have their uses in some places but I don't think they should be used to judge whether somebody is a good or bad driver. It's about speeding in the wrong places.

"Perhaps the reduction in tickets is due to the downturn in the economy and people using cars less. I think drivers are also more aware of the fines they will have to pay if they are caught."

Road safety campaigner Caroline Hobbs, whose eight-year-old daughter Jade and mother Margaret Kuwertz, 79, were killed while trying to cross the A249 at Detling, near Maidstone, in 2000, gave a cautious welcome the reduction.

"If these figures show cameras are reducing accidents, that's great," she said. "But if it just means a reduction in the number of drivers getting ticketed, then it makes no odds."

"Most people who drive on the A249 are used to the camera being there and slow down, and that could be the case at other sites. And lot of people have sat nav systems now, especially if they do a lot of driving, and they can warn motorists about cameras."

"I'd put this down to people knowing where the cameras are and having better technology to warn them, but even then it's a pretty amazing drop."

The partnership has also just released its latest crash figures, which show the number of people killed or seriously injured has reduced by 63 per cent since 2002.

"There's no getting around it, safety cameras are definitely having an impact on reducing casualties," Ms Barrett said.



TO THE FORE: Dean Headley (left) and Peter Rodd with nurse Angela Padgham

## CLUBBING TOGETHER

A round of golf raised £2,000 for Pilgrims Hospices after 70 lawyers and staff from Kent firm Boys&Maughan played 27 holes at Prince's Golf Club in Sandwich.

The fund-raiser was topped off by a dinner, charity raffle and auction – as well as an evening of anecdotes from former England pace-bowler Dean Headley.

Pilgrims Hospices provide free palliative care, support for patients, families and their carers at three Kent sites – Thanet, Canterbury and Ashford.

Boys&Maughan partner Peter Rodd said: "Pilgrims Hospices have to raise £8 million each year to keep delivering care to those who need it the most. We are delighted to do our bit in supporting such an excellent cause."

## 'No water shortage despite heatwave'

DESPITE the recent heatwave and predicted glorious summer, Kent is unlikely to see a hosepipe ban over the coming months.

Environment Agency manager for Kent and East Sussex Andrew Pearce said the county had plenty of water in its reservoirs and groundwater supply because of a wet winter – but we need to save.

He said: "In the South East we have the highest usage of water in the UK," he said. "If we can reduce it by 35 litres a day to 130 litres per person per day, then we can save £1.6 billion in not having to build reservoirs."

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# Celebrate the summer by eating out of doors

**What better way to enjoy the warmer weather than with a barbecue? RACHEL McATHY dodges the queues and ensures all her sausages, burgers and salads are food from Kent**

IF YOU hadn't already noticed, summer is well and truly here.

Which not only means the arrival of a new wardrobe and copious supplies of sun block, but some amazing new taste sensations from the county are also now in season.

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Popular contenders at this time of year include blackberries, gooseberries and cherries. Also, the two favourites of all the summer fruits, raspberries and strawberries, are equally delicious and at their best now.

On the savoury side, there are plenty of vegetables to be snapped up. Old favourites such as broad beans and garden peas are coming into season now, as are courgettes and bunched beetroot. For the true taste of home you should also

try new Kentish potatoes, fresh from the county's soil. For salad lovers, summer is a great time to stock up on the classics of celery, cucumber, French beans, lettuce, tomatoes and radishes.

And we all know that when the sun comes out, the barbecue is often soon to follow.

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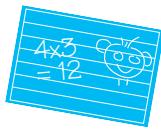
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### Role model Seain's Try Angle triumph

PUPILS from St Edmund's Catholic School performed during the annual Dover and Thanet Try Angle Awards.

Students acted out a scene from Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance.

Year 13 pupil Dominic Maffia, who took one of the lead roles, received a personal achievement award after being nominated by the head of performing arts and year ten student Seain Way was given the personal development award.

Tutor Christina Hellyar said: "Seain has turned into an excellent mentor and role model. He has learned how to generate positive attention and respect.

"He has been able to use his own experiences to help and support other pupils."



**WELL DONE:** Seain Way with Mayor of Dover Sue Jones

### Legions on the march

PUPILS from schools across Kent have been learning about life during Roman times at Dover Museum.

Children from Warden House in Deal were among those taking part in the Roman Festival 2009, where pupils dressed as Romans or Celts and were shown artefacts dating back centuries.

Visitors were given the chance to make mosaics or have their faces made up as Romans or Celtic warriors complete with battle scars.

Prizes were awarded to the best-dressed boy and girl in each class.



**FRESH START:** Some of the students who helped create the new multi-trades workshop at South Kent College, together with tutors and supporters of the successful course

## What a transformation

A GROUP of students from South Kent College has transformed a derelict building into a dedicated workspace for trade courses.

College governor George Bunting opened the new and improved workshop with a champagne reception and praised team members for their hard work.

Thirteen students were involved in the project, which was part of the multi-trades course at the college. Twelve have now been accepted on to more skilled courses, while one has gone into full-time work.

David Rowe, who led the group, said the multi-trade course was designed for students who didn't get on well at school to give them a fresh start in education.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

"This course used to be in the main workshop, but we did get moved around so we begged or borrowed to do this old place up," he said. "Now we have a dedicated area and the whole course can be delivered here."

"Not only did the students learn valuable practical skills, but they also had to work on literacy and numeracy to pass the course."

Luke Mooring, 17, of Kings Rope Walk in Aycliffe, Dover, said he had really enjoyed the course.

"You can have a laugh but still get the job done," he said. "I've liked everything, but carpentry's what I'm going to study next."

Each student was interviewed before they

were taken on by the college and after being accepted worked closely with tutor Patrick McAvoy, who helped them with literacy and numeracy.

He said: "The combination of the course proved very good and we built their confidence as well as straightened people out with regards to behaviour."

Senior managers and tutors praised the group and Mike Stanley, director of construction, said the scheme had brought students back into education: "This is what further education is all about at grass-roots level."

Deputy principal Jackie Watt told the students they should be proud of what they had achieved. She said: "I've watched how this room has been changed over the year and you've done a fantastic job."

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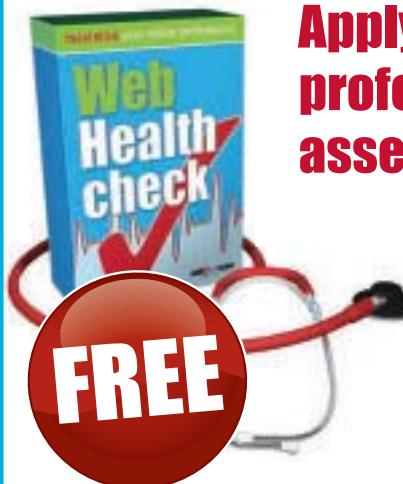
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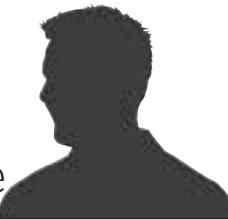
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# yourblogger

A visit to the JobCentre prompted this week's writer to ponder the failure of some to integrate



## If you won't embrace British culture, why are you here?

IS it just me, or are other people worried about the problems caused by membership of this wretched European Economic Community?

I recently accompanied my son to the Jobcentre as, despite having a degree, he is unable to find a job. As the clock ticked half-an-hour past our appointment time, I picked up some literature which was lying around on a nearby cracked table.

In it, I noticed further copies of that leaflet on how to claim benefits; it was available in 26 other languages and, if you did not speak one of those, translations were available whatever your language!

In other words, immigrants who are not even able to speak English have the Department for Work and Pensions bending over backwards to help them claim unemployment benefits that you, I and other taxpayers fund.

"But there aren't that many non-English-speaking unemployed anyway," you might say. You are probably right. Most of them seem to

be employed in front-line 'customer-service' positions by councils, banks and other institutions in an attempt to make it as difficult as possible for us to complain about anything.

I read the newspapers and note with interest the application of the racial equality laws in this country. I smile when I hear about incidents which the police would usually do nothing about suddenly being taken extremely seriously if one of those involved plays the race card.

Local immigrant associations claim their members are singled out for abuse. Why are they so surprised? Their members choose to live in groups, wear different clothes, follow different religions, eat different foods and many can't even speak English.

They set themselves up as apart from everyone else in this country and then complain that they are treated differently. Whose fault is that?

What finally prompted me to write this rant has been the proliferation of UK border patrol programmes on TV.

On these shows, on the rare occasions when officials catch would-be illegal immigrants try-

ing to get in or who are already in the country (and often working, taking the job my son so desperately needs), they simply take their details and let them out on bail.

I would love to know how many known illegals have been caught, arrested and released to go at large again in the UK.

And if you think me a racist thug for my views and blame me and 'others' like me for the recent successes of the BNP, you should know that I am black – that is black, not 'ethnically challenged' or of a 'coloured persuasion' or any other of that politically correct rubbish.

I was born in India and emigrated to the UK many years ago. I consider myself British, as reflected in my speech, my integration with my community, my willingness to obey English laws and, in all ways, to act British, not set myself apart.

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# your letters

## TALK TIME

### NICK KINSELLA

Nick Kinsella, head of the UK Human Trafficking Centre, talks about his work and the victims involved



#### What is the main trafficking reason?

Sexual exploitation is the main reason. Official UN figures say about 80 per cent of people who are trafficked are women and children – but there are several other reasons such as benefit fraud where children are passed from family to family so they can claim. They are also trafficked to be used for street crime or domestic servitude.

#### How does a trafficking network operate?

There is no typical network, and that's what can make it difficult. Some trafficking is carried out by highly organised international criminal gangs who run the process from beginning to end, from the initial contact to the exploitation itself. We have also come across much smaller, more informal, gangs who are only involved in part of the chain. So a gang in Bulgaria might pass victims on to another group. The bottom line with trafficking is that it's all about money. Traffickers trade people for money just like drugs, counterfeit money or guns. It is a modern-day slave trade.

#### How are you combating the trade?

The UKHTC includes dozens of organisations, including the police, the serious crime investigation team, social services and the Crown Prosecution Service.

It is not an immigration issue; 25 per cent of victims are EU nationals – they are entitled to be here, they are just being exploited. This is often what makes it so difficult to spot at border controls. Most of the victims who come in do so legally. When they are stopped they are relaxed and happy because they think they are here to start a better life where they can support themselves and their families.

## YOUR LETTERS

### No conservation with these Tories

Shepway Conservatives' terrible reputation when it comes to preserving our local history and culture has taken a further step into the abyss.

No one could be blamed for thinking a perfectly good 1920s house, in character with its neighbouring properties and situated within a conservation area, would be under no threat from an application for demolition and replacement.

Certainly not from a planning application for an alternative glass and stainless-steel modern design.

But that is what has happened to Sandgate's western coastal strip, set within a conservation area, when Shepway's Conservatives approved it at a planning meeting.

Nothing wrong with the proposed new design *per se*, but it does nothing to 'protect' and 'enhance' the conservation area that any application 'must' demonstrate in planning law for a granting of permission.

While Shepway's Conservatives remain in charge, please don't think our conservation areas remain safe – far from it!

Neil Matthews  
Folkestone and Hythe Liberal Democrats

### Decision is the pits

The committee and members of Friends of Lydd Airport Group are deeply disappointed that Shepway council has chosen to

accept the advice of Natural England, which opposes the redevelopment of our airport, in preference to the Environment Agency, which supports it.

We believe this to be a convenient cop-out by Shepway, which has ulterior motives.

Natural England changed its name six years ago, for no apparent reason, at a cost of £2.2 million to the taxpayers.

We believe that Natural England has actively supported gravel extraction on the Marsh, which has created deep, dangerous gravel pits in which people have drowned.

The destruction of rare plants, fauna and the natural habitat of the indigenous wildlife by gravel extraction is obviously of no concern to this organisation.

The creation of habitat for non-indigenous wildlife, to the detriment of people, is the priority – incredible!

Natural England did nothing to support Lydd Town Council and Shepway council in dealing with a group of people who violated an SSSI adjoining the airfield by setting up a motorcycle track – without planning permission. This track is still there.

Natural England advocated a 'managed retreat' policy at Jurys Gap which would have had catastrophic consequences for the entire Marsh. Happily the Environment Agency's policy of 'hold the line', with the support of the Ministry of Defence, prevailed – sanity prevailed.

It is time for Shepway council and Natural England to come clean on this issue. The council owns the airfield site. The site sits on a huge deposit of gravel and sand – a gift from the sea.

Cash-strapped Shepway council would make millions

from the aggregate companies. Natural England would revel in a new play area and the Marsh would be left with an enormous gravel pit all the way to Greatstone, with its consequences.

Michael Walsh (FLAC)  
Lydd

### Airport not needed

Contrary to the view of last week's letter-writer, Lydd airport is environmentally damaging. This is because it contributes to the rise in greenhouse gas emissions from aviation.

This rise, about 6 per cent a year across Europe, means that savings made in other areas run the risk of being nullified by increases in aviation emissions. From 1990-2004, global aviation emissions rose 34 per cent.

The estimate for the total rise from 1990-2012 is a staggering 150 per cent.

While this may be reduced as a result of the recession, it shows the importance of reducing aviation emissions.

In short, regional airports like Manston and Lydd should be put to other uses as part of a strategy to reduce emissions.

Kent Green Party advocates all-weather leisure centres for these locations to maintain and expand local employment, and to take advantage of the growth in domestic tourism.

Steve Dawe  
Kent Green Party

### Thank you to pub

I would just like to send my thanks to the staff and patrons of The Cinque Port Arms who so kindly gave me a lift on their

float at Dover Carnival on Saturday, July 4.

Despite injuring my ankle, I was determined to take part in the parade – even if it meant hobbling along on crutches – as I had promised the chairman of Dover Carnival Association Ltd, Mandie Sehmbi, that I would take part.

However, the Cinque Port Arms heard of my plight and offered me a lift on its Venetian float.

Thanks everyone, I had a great time during the parade and I will take part in the Publicans' Walk with you, as promised, as long as my ankle is better.

Karol Steele  
Dover

### Lifting my hopes

After hearing the sad news that the Folkestone chair lift was closing, it was a breath of fresh air to read last week's report about the positive ideas of Michael Stainer from The Grand.

He proposes to save the lift and develop the existing lift house into facilities to support a park-and-ride scheme, with the possibility of also constructing a new pier. What a boost this would be to the harbour area.

Let us hope Shepway council can find the imagination to support this scheme to enhance the existing assets of the town to the benefit of tourism.

This would make a pleasant change from the usual development plans, which allow them to demolish our old buildings and replace them with contemporary architecture admired by the few and despised by the many.

Margaret and Terry Kendall  
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## Captain Sensible?

A Folkestone paper ran an article on August 19, 2004, in regard to the removal of the link span.

In this it was implied that the roll-on, roll-off ferry terminal at Folkestone harbour built in 1971-2 was built to last only about eight years – “so it would appear to me (Alan Taylor) that the link span that was removed was well past its sell-by date”.

We were updated by Roger De Haan's Folkestone Harbour Company Limited news statement of January 17, 2005, that there were plans to extensively regenerate the port. These included a harbour dredging programme and refurbishment of existing berths.

In the year before the Sealink ports, harbours, ships, routes and services fell into the hands of James Sherwood's Sea Containers.

In 1983 2,119,653 passengers used the Folkestone-Boulogne services.

The latest craft on the cross-Channel scene, the Norman Arrow, draws in less draft than MV Hengist & MV Horsa and is also slightly smaller in length than the much-loved vessels.

The LD Lines Norman Arrow is currently running out of the Port of Dover instead of from Folkestone.

If the harbour is allowed to be regenerated for the return of the Folkestone-Boulogne cross-Channel car ferry services, then the economy of the harbour town of Folkestone, which runs hand by hand with the

harbour, will be regenerated.

As for the Folkestone harbour railway branch line, instead of closing, it could bring back sea-rail traffic and classic passengers that Dover port cannot accommodate – even perhaps the famous VSOE trains could return to the port of Folkestone.

Shepway council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy to 2026 'consultation' is due to be finished on July 24.

Carrying out a search for words such as port, harbour, ships, ferries and railway in the council's latest consultation document on the Local Plan produces nothing – it is as if Folkestone being a cross-Channel ferry port has been wiped out of the council's memory.

The time is now for only sensible people to talk sensibly about sensible craft and sensible services.

Christopher Conn  
Folkestone

risk involved – whether it be physical contact such as is a part of football, rugby or hockey, or the dangers of fast bowling in cricket.

Other activities which should be classified as sports are athletics, swimming and combats such as boxing and judo. I feel games should encompass things such as tennis, along with badminton and bowls.

Brian McBride  
by email

## Moral compass is way off the mark

Surely if the phrase 'political correctness gone mad' can ever be applied, it is the decision of a police force to give compasses to Muslim prisoners so that they can pray correctly towards Mecca.

Why not give them a file, clothes and false papers to go with it?

Ian Paynter  
by email

## We should be happy to see the visitors

With summer comes the influx of young foreign visitors – a thing not often praised by Kentish residents.

So I am calling on people when they see a crocodile of children eating sweets and speaking in a foreign tongue to not complain but thank them for helping our economy.

Mark Davies  
by email

## Be a good sport and add some danger

Regarding the correspondence in these letters pagea about the merits or otherwise of tennis as opposed to other sports, I would like to add my thoughts.

As it is a non-physical contact sport and one in which the only risk of injury is a sprained ankle, I feel it should be categorised as a game rather than a sport.

Sports should have some sort of

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# Robin blossoms when she steps in Pippa's clothes

**■ BY LISA WILLIAMS**

I'VE been talking to Robin Wright Penn for ten minutes and she's already slipped into an English accent three times.

We're in Edinburgh, where she is promoting her latest film *The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee* and on the first two occasions I assume she's putting it on for comic effect.

On the third, I can't help but point these moments of received pronunciation and she looks startled.

"I know," the 43-year-old says confessionally. "It's because when I'm around you people I feel just like I have to speak like this because I hate my accent. I feel very American around you guys."

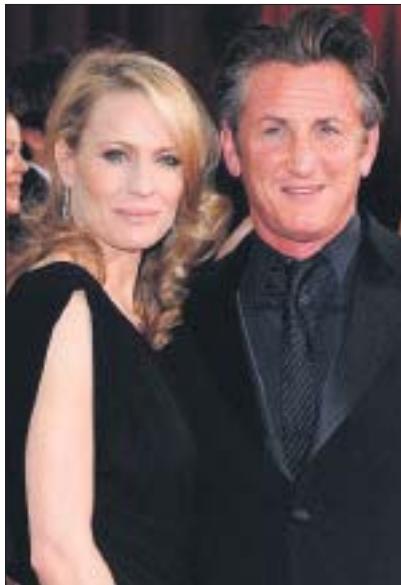
She starts making a whining sound and adds: "That's what I sound like to myself when I'm around you."

Robin's father is English so she had a head-start with the accent and the California-based actress admits that – after putting on her costume – adopting another accent helps her get into character.

"Clothing is so important to me when finding a character. It changes your walk, the way you hold your arms, the way you sit: it's maybe the most important thing. Of course, if you have an accent, that's even better."

In her title role as Pippa Lee, a 50-year-old woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, Robin didn't have to feign an accent. But her clothes, she says, were instrumental in getting herself into the prim and proper role.

Given starched beige trousers and plain blouses, her on-screen wardrobe is eye-catching in its plainness.


**ROBIN'S LIVES:** Robin Wright Penn with husband Sean
 

"It was genius picking those very conservative, wardrobe pieces for me, and the curl in the hair aged me, too."

Although close to her character in age, the almost-50 actress says the clothes really helped her get into the part.

"I really felt her, every day, because I wear this," she says, pointing at her skinny jeans and tailored leather jacket. "Always have."

In the film, Pippa has an affair with her friend's son, played by Keanu Reeves, who rescues her from her troubled past and the suburban drudgery in which she ends up living.

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Pitched to movie audiences as an age-gap relationship film, in real life Keanu is actually a year older than Robin.

She admits that kissing him on set wasn't strange, because of the on-screen chemistry.

"He was so perfect for it. I feel like we were blessed to have him do it, because it didn't feel strange. The dynamic was already there. To me, that's chemical," she says, her voice inflecting upwards as if asking a question.

"When a director knows, when they walk in, that that person clicks, and we just had it," she continues.

"We needed Pippa to be seen and he's the first person that actually sees her for who she is. It's beautiful as it's like she's then set free, allowed to blossom."

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# Kent shows off its best

Royal visitors to give seal of approval as county's farmers and producers prepare for the highlight of their year

## KENT COUNTY SHOW

Friday to Sunday, July 17-19  
Kent Showground, Detling



ROYAL visitors will be taking part in the Kent County Show's 80th celebration.

On Friday, the Earl and Countess of Wessex are due to be attending the Kent County Agricultural Society's show to meet many of the county's farmers, growers and food producers.

They will also see the Young Farmers display, which will feature more than 400 young people showing their cattle, sheep, pigs and small pets during the three-day event.

The Royal couple have also been asked to present long service awards to agricultural workers.

The visit will provide an exciting start to the show, which has a vast array of attractions to interest all the family. After an absence of many years, the King's Troop Royal Horse

Artillery will be treating spectators to an outstanding display twice daily in the main Astor Ring. Marvel at the skill and discipline of the horses and their riders as they demonstrate how to manoeuvre guns, pick up pegs with a lance, handle swords and fire a revolver from a galloping horse.

On Friday, the Coakham Bloodhounds will be in action in the Astor and Falmouth Rings, while a display illustrating 80 years of agricultural machinery takes place in the Falmouth Ring every day.

### Animal magic

On all three days, the police dog demonstration will shed light on the important work of canine officers. There will be more animal magic from the twice-daily bird of prey flying demonstrations by The Hawking Centre, as well as ferret and terrier racing in the Countryside Area and the Warrenby Gun Dogs.

Learn about farming with the educational live stage show about sheep

and wool, while the Sheep, Dog and Duck Display will be entertaining for all the family.

Dogs are put through their paces in the flyball races and there will be more excitement with the Ken Fox Wall of Death.

Young riders tackle tough obstacles in the display by the Kent Youth Trials Club, and visitors can meet Titan the Robot, a humanoid entertainment robot.

A display in the Kent Pavilion, Remembering Kent: An 80-Year Journey, explores the collaborations between the showground and many of the county's organisations. The EcoVillage returns and there will also be an exhibition by the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

The show runs from 8am to 6pm each day. Tickets cost £17/£12 for adults, £7.50 for children and £43 for families.

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Under the guidance of principal conductor Ken Burton, the choir earned the prestigious title of Sainsbury Choir of the Year in 1994-95 and has never looked back.

Since then the Chorale has performed at

the Sydney Opera House in Australia and in the US, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, France and many more countries.

Their music encompasses spirituals, classical part-songs, traditional and contemporary gospel, a captivating sound which has filled hundreds of concert houses.

Festival appearances include The Proms at London's Royal Albert Hall, Three Choirs Festival and a UK tour of All Rise.

The programme for the Deal concert will include movements from Burton's latest work, Let the Sound of Freedom.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £8 to £16. To book, phone 01304 381134.

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Anyone aged from 14 to 19 can take part in the urban poetry and free running workshop, learning how to express their ideas both in verse and physically.

The week will culminate in a showcase event at Quarterhouse on Saturday, July 25.



Organised by the Creative Foundation in conjunction with Shepway Find Your Talent, the workshops will be held at The Cube, University Centre Folkestone and The Shed.

Places are limited and attendees should be available

every day of the workshops.

There will also be lots of ticketed events at Quarterhouse during the week, from creative sessions to film screenings.

For more information, phone 01303 858500 or visit [www.fizzfestival.com](http://www.fizzfestival.com).



### FLOWERS AT WALMER CASTLE

Until Sunday, July 19  
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VISITORS will blossom if they take a trip to Walmer Castle this week.

The beautiful floral displays created for the Lord Warden's annual weekend, when the castle closes to visitors, will be exhibited in the castle's rooms until Sunday.

They were designed for the Lord Warden Admiral Lord Boyce's formal dinner and cocktail party at the castle last weekend.

Although there are usually flowers on display in the castle, these arrangements are extra-special and are made from the flowers grown in the gardens.

There will be lots of colour to see outside as well, as the gardens are at their peak and it is the perfect time to explore.

Visitors have the chance to buy roses grown there and even enjoy a game of croquet on the lawn.

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NOTIONS of light, space and restraint are explored in an art installation at the Charlton Shopping Centre in Dover.

Wavefront, at the multi-storey car park in High Street, reflects on the immediate environment. It is running until August 1 and admission is free.

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## Moving image show brings art to shoppers

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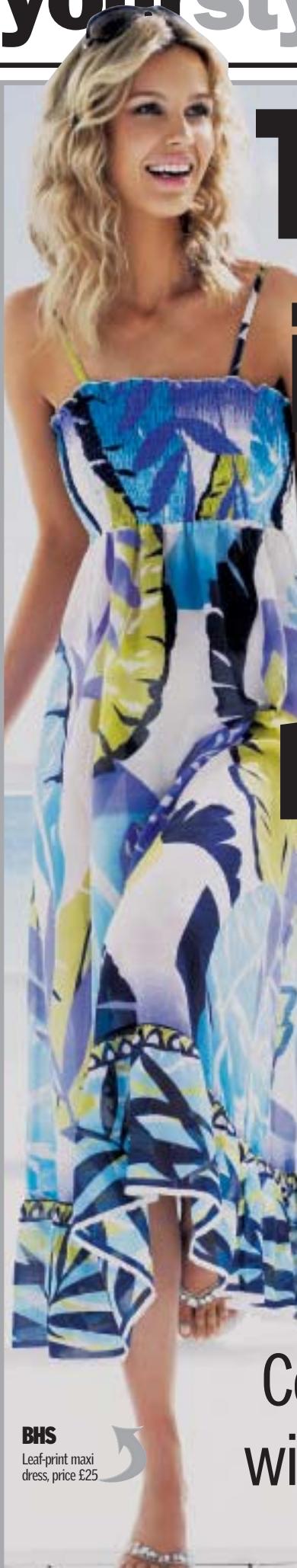
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■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

### PSYCHOVILLE

BBC2, 10pm, Friday

IN a week of bizarre news – which saw mourners wave a white-gloved goodbye to the king of pop and a man drowned in a vat of chocolate – Psychoville seems genteel in comparison.

The fourth instalment of this serial killer panto was most notable for one extraordinary thing.

It wasn't the usual queasy blend of Hammer horror schlock and dark humour that was unusual.

Anyone familiar with its creators – the men behind BBC2's equally disturbing League of Gentlemen – will be well used to that.

What was incredible was how technically perfect this episode seemed, done as it was in one long unflinching and brutally involving shot.

For the unaware, Psychoville tells the macabre tale of a freakish assortment of murderous characters all over the country who are being blackmailed by a shadowy raincoated and glove-wearing bloke.

Its cast includes a blind toy-obsessed loner, a porn movie panto dwarf, a one-handed clown and a nurse who thinks her baby doll is alive.

The previous three episodes paraded the oddball cast in a series of cringe-inducing, bloodthirsty and lurid scenarios – that were often brutal, slickly edited and occasionally hilarious.

A link between all of them has been hinted at and it appeared we were headed towards a formulaic ending, tying up the loose ends.

But on Thursday last week, the show took an unexpected detour into an apparently traditional BBC format – the television play.

For 30 minutes, Psychoville's two most disturbing stars – mum-and-son team David and Maureen Sowerbutts



**FUN'S OVER:** BBC2's Psychoville was created by the team behind The League of Gentlemen (Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith) – took centre stage.

David and Maureen are so decidedly creepy, they could easily be the two most disturbing television characters ever imagined.

Their incestuous exchanges are thrown into shocking focus by his encyclopaedic knowledge of mass murderers and her homely homicidal tendencies.

Psychoville is not an easily-forgotten monsters ball. Aside from the gruesome violence, there are some wicked one-liners. To describe it simply as black comedy is an understatement that ranks alongside "that Jacko could dance a bit".

The single-shot experiment worked a treat – and highlighted the flawless timing and talent of Pemberton and Shearsmith. Their interaction is simply frightening to recall.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)  
YOU exude animal magnetism, getting admiring glances wherever you go. Of course, amour could be the last thing on your mind right now. It seems as though creative pursuits are taking up most of your attention. You could discover a talent for one of the performing arts.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20)  
TRUST your feelings this week, especially as far as men are concerned. A relative or colleague thinks that you're a threat. If he tries to bully you into going against your interests, put your foot down. If you're house hunting, go ahead and haggle for the best price available.

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### ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 20)  
YOU'RE even more restless than usual and very tired of the same old routines. If you're dating you may be tempted to ditch them and find someone sexier, but be careful you could let a perfectly good relationship slip through your fingers and end up regretting your skittishness.

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### CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 23)  
A SURGE of creative energy prompts you to take time out to work alone on a pet project. You get more satisfaction from writing, painting, and music than you do from work or family. Naturally some may feel alienated by your behaviour, but that can't be helped.

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### GEMINI

(May 22-Jun 22)

GETTING in shape will

not only make you look better, it will also lift your spirits. Pretty soon, you'll renew your interest in people and activities that used to give you pleasure. Don't worry what others will think of your new routine. When it comes to fitness, do it for yourself.

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store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



### LEO

(Jul 24-Aug 23)

SPENDING more time

with friends helps ease any tension that's been building. Recently, demands have kept you cut off from your nearest and dearest. This is a difficult situation for you. By scaling back your work schedule, you'll be back to your happy, spontaneous self in no time.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



### SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOUR pulling power is at

an all-time high this week. Twisting someone around your little finger will be easy. It really isn't fair to play with their affections when you are so irresistible, but nobody can accuse you of being a saint and a little bit of what you fancy will do you good.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT'S time to even the score

with a best friend, business partner or lover. Lately they have been riding roughshod over you. Stand up for yourself and they'll stop taking you for granted.

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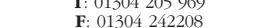
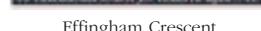
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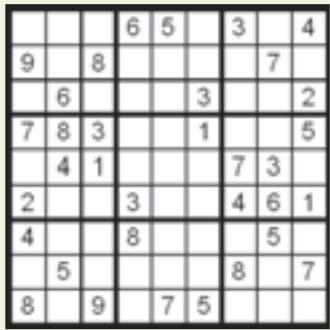
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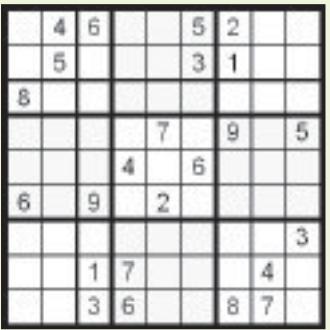
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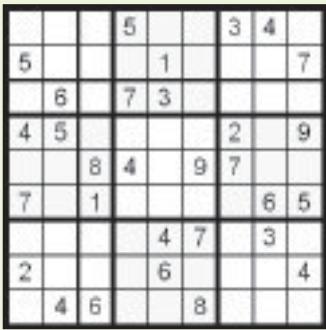
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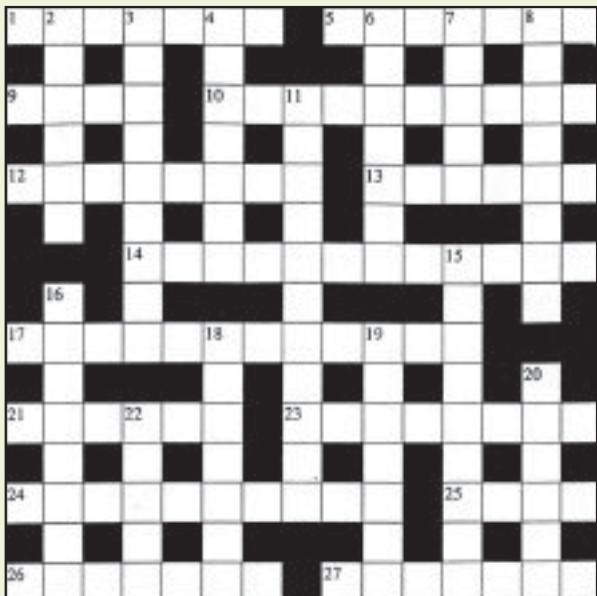
## ACROSS

- 1 In passing twice near to the centre (2,3,2)
- 5 Spirited? Did another's work (7)
- 9 Initially one cannot have more than one vote with this (4)
- 10 Short jacket from bottom cabinet (10)
- 12 Geological period of French mountains (8)
- 13 Slow-moving, causing sensation of horror or fear (6)
- 14 Soldier in courtroom drama seen again in slow motion (6,6)
- 17 Something unspecified that in Paris repeatedly going round lake had been selected (7,5)
- 21 During afternoon one step taken on plain (6)
- 23 Hitch-hiker's request, a tonic? (4-2,2)
- 24 Belonging to the past school subject finished early I state (10)
- 25 Neat receptacle (4)
- 26 X perhaps hasn't been recognised (7)
- 27 Game little creature (7)

## DOWN

- 2 My repeated coming up round the bend expressing pleasant anticipation of food (3-3)
- 3 Hold a dance and enjoy oneself greatly (4,1,4)
- 4 Look after young children but let bib stay out of place (4-3)
- 6 Vehicle rented by a richer eccentric (4,3)
- 7 Lassos gets trapped during assault (5)
- 8 New example with right pattern (8)
- 11 Naturally it cannot be seen being very small (11)
- 15 Drill put cinema out of action (9)
- 16 Continuance of the French allowance (8)
- 18 Loosen a French propeller (7)
- 19 Kissing cur also in trouble (7)
- 20 Cake and port (6)

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## QUICK CLUES

## ACROSS

- 1 Jeer (7)
- 5 Risky undertaking (7)
- 9 Vocalise (4)
- 10 OT character renowned for longevity (10)
- 12 Total wreck (5-3)
- 13 Write music (6)
- 14 To the utmost degree (2,3,7)
- 17 Generous (5-7)
- 21 Clothes fastener (6)
- 23 Swinging weight (8)
- 24 Cervine animal (6,4)
- 25 Trademark (4)
- 26 Present (anag.) (7)
- 27 Flap (7)

## DOWN

- 2 Birdcage (6)
- 3 Conservative (5-4)
- 4 Garden heap (7)
- 6 Vernal \_\_\_\_ (7)
- 7 Twitter (5)
- 8 Materiel (anag.) (8)
- 11 Caramel-coated fruit on a stick (6-5)
- 15 Goatfish (3,6)
- 16 Playful banter (8)
- 18 Succeeded with toil and difficulty (4-3)
- 19 Plant's climbing organ (7)
- 20 Manipulate (6)
- 22 Marine animal (5)

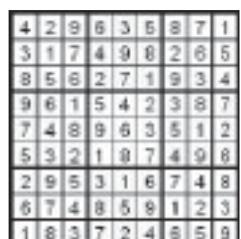
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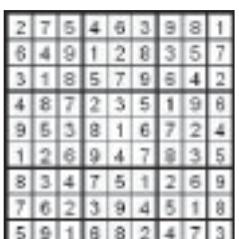
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## CRYPTIC SOLUTION No95

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Autumnal 15 Eulogy 16 Staffa 18 Lifeline  
20 Smart-money 23 Favour 24 Cavalier  
25 Bede 26 Rotary Club. **DOWN:** 2 Ulna 3  
Pick 4 Hands-on 5 Gradual 6 Navarre 7  
Canada lily 8 Exchanging 12 Custom-made  
13 Buffer zone 17 Admirer 18 Linocut 19  
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## QUICK SOLUTION No96

Jumping 22 Polyg. 10  
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Red mullet 15 Toffee-apple 16  
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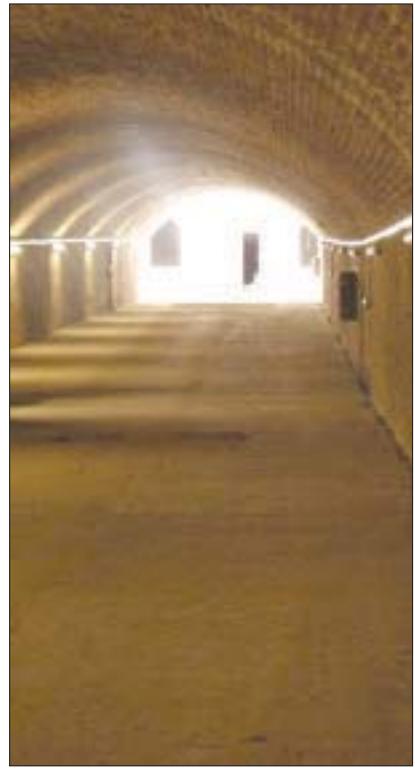


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# Top DJs get Tunnel Vision as fort hosts house night



**GOOD VIBES:** Fort Horsted will be playing host to Kent-born DJ Jim Rivers (above right) in an epic day/nighter

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Napoleonic Fort Horsted will be brought into the 21st century next month during a one-off night of house, techno and dubstep.

The historic monument, built in 1880, will host Smirnoff's Tunnel Vision night on Saturday, August 1.

Headliners include Maidstone-born DJ Jim Rivers and David E Sugar, who has recently toured with the likes of overnight sensations La Roux, Calvin Harris and Klaxons.

Jim, whose DJing talents have taken him across the US, Australia and Europe, said he was looking forward to his homecoming gig.

He said: "Although I was born in Maidstone, I've been living in Bristol for the last few years and have been touring around the world, so it's good to come back to Kent and stake my claim again.

"I'm looking forward to the event – the venue looks really good. I can't say I've ever DJed in a Napoleonic fort before!"

"I'll be playing a mixture – everything from deep house to techno and everything in between. I really want to get people going."

A Tunnel Vision spokesman said: "The fort will play host to one of the most unique events – a day/nighter of epic proportions.

"Visitors will walk over the drawbridge and through the gatehouse into a venue presenting the finest visuals, lightshows and sound-systems, while the best new DJs play house, techno, dubstep and break across two rooms.

"Upon entering the grounds, visitors will be transported back in time with Napoleonic mil-



itary re-enactments, hog roasts and an abundance of historic shenanigans."

Joining Jim in the Tunnel room will be fellow house and techno DJs Dodek, Mode: Repeat, Lee Brinx, Alex K, Tom Jobson and Deano Loco.

The Other Room boasts the likes of Dycey, J-Varn, Small Fry, Jay Kenzo and Big Trouble.

Adam French and Anthony Froom will also provide sunset beats on the Sunshine Terrace.

A limited number of saver tickets are available at £12, with the standard entry set at £15. Tickets are available from [www.clubtickets.com](http://www.clubtickets.com) and by phoning 0870 2462050.

Tunnel Vision is operating a bus service from the River Bar in Maidstone. It will leave at 5pm and return at 3am.

Fort Horsted is in Primrose Close, Chatham. For details, visit [www.residentadvisor.net/tunnelvision](http://www.residentadvisor.net/tunnelvision).

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■ Ebony Johnson sings Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'



■ My Last Mistake perform 'From The Beginning'



## TOP FIVE

- 1 Directions - Golden Light (from Maidstone)
- 2 Shelta - Let's Talk (from Bexley)
- 3 D-Finitive - Space (from Tenterden)
- 4 The Flack - The Things Ya Do To Me (from Deal)
- 5 Lost in Colour - Stay Awake Tonight (from Maidstone)

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## WOMEN seeking men

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft6, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy climbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 **T**

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY

Caring and honest lady, 25, blue eyes, blonde hair, looking for a sweet, caring and respectful non-smoking man, 26-35, for love, friendship and LTR. Box 879522 **T**

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **T**

### NOT YOUR

BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunet, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, arts, sport, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **T**

### ME AND YOU

Medium build girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834 **T**

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft4, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **T**

**YOURS AND YOURS ONLY**

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mom, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 **T**

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **T**

### IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 882265 **T**

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5ft4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 380734 **T**

### SOULD GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447985 **T**

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, the cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **T**

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **T**

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 901893 **T**

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTM honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **T**

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **T**



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A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **T**

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **T**

## THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5ft7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **T**

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38 yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, sees loving, fun male for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **T**

## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **T**

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Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 **T**

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Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **T**

## A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, with a genuine and good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 452008 **T**

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopefully love with. Box 452106 **T**

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/curly hair/hazel eyes, with mixed race/bald gent, to share good times with. Box 451819 **T**

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeking genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **T**

## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mom of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 887983 **T**

## LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **T**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5ft4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441546 **T**

## HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, night out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 4497100 **T**

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, sees a friendly chap, a father, a friend and more. Box 440893 **T**

## LOVE TO MEET YOU

Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun telly. Aylesford Box 428464 **T**

## MISS THIS MISS OUT

Radiant, warm, witty, intelligent, attractive lady, 44, 5ft6, love music, travel, restaurants, the arts, theatre, with a like-minded gent, 38-50 who's fun, cultured, solvent and kind. Box 430403 **T**

## COULD IT BE YOU?

I'm 44, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **T**

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeking honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 **T**

## HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and friendship leading to more. Box 878216 **T**

## FUNNY GIRL

Young 46, fun-loving but also a bit more, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 **T**

## MAID MARIAN!

Hi I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, likes 40, 6ft, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship. Box 447986 **T**

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 443307 **T**

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## HELP ME OPEN UP

Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 442551 **T**

## 2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 48-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Ryde, 47, work in nursing, and WLTM someone loving and faithful. I like meat out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 **T**

## FANCY A DRINK?

Hi, I'm June, 47, bubbly, loving. Looking for a trustworthy guy for a relationship. I enjoy walks, car-boots, travelling and sharing a bottle of red. Box 446294 **T**

## LOOK THIS WAY!

Slim single mum, 48, 5ft5, light brown hair, works full time, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 443642 **T**

## DO YOU HAVE

The BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863 **T**

## WALKS ALONG THE BEACH

55yr old bubbly, cheerful, divorced lady, looking for a genuine, tall smart man with a GSOH to share the fun things in life. Box 453352 **T**

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall blonde hair, green eyes, likes tennis, swimming, travel abroad, seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448749 **T**

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall blonde hair, green eyes, likes tennis, swimming, travel abroad, seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448796 **T**

## TRY ME

Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH. I enjoy eating in/out, cooking, driving, talking to, laughing, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 441622 **T**

## BEING WITH YOU

I'm Jilly, 61yr old widow, enjoys pub meals, country walks, the beach, cinema, sees loving male for friendship and more. Box 453104 **T**

## CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male for friendship and more. Box 452662 **T**

## LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

This is Diane, I'm 51, 5ft7, quite curly, very social, honest and friendly, I work full-time and want to spend time with a nice man. Box 453370 **T**

## HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and friendship leading to more. Box 878216 **T**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, blonde female, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out...sees company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 **T**

## SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, eating out...sees company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 448287 **T**

## HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes country walks and pub meals; seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954 **T**

## SOMEONE TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companion-ship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes socialising, music, dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male for friendship. Box 446382 **T**

## GENUINE LADY

Attractive lady, 60s, Hastings, slim, 5ft9, I like animals, walking and socialising. I have a GSOH, and WLTM a tall gent, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 453327 **T**

## HOP ON!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 **T**

## HAPPY TOGETHER

White male, 47, 5ft7, 5ft6, easygoing, loves a laugh, enjoys parks/concerts/romantic walks, WLTM female to be with. Nikki, please call back with contact details. Box 443339 **T**

## MARSHAL ME

Chris, 39, 5ft7, stocky, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, loves swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 440167 **T**



# Rural escape is fun for the family

■ BY JEREMY GATES

TAKING care to dodge the cyclists, I moved to the edge of the rutted chalk footpath to take in the view from Britain's next national park – and saw a panorama to compare with the Alps.

To the north, beyond the plain of the Weald, was the ridge my National Trust notes identified as the Hog's Back. "Blunt bow-headed, whale-backed downs" is how Rudyard Kipling described a similar scene.

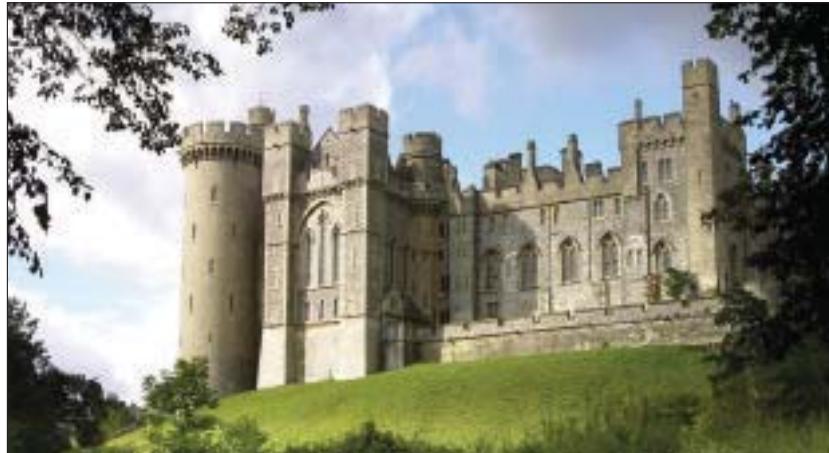
Below me, the village of South Harting was nestled around its medieval church spire, the fields occasionally patterned by sunlight bursting between clouds.

Gloomsters agonise about the fate of the South Downs when it becomes Britain's 15th National Park in 2010. But in the sleepy rural lanes of West Sussex, southwards from Crawley through the Arun Valley to the coast, only a vivid imagination would worry about this special place getting too crowded.

The town of Arundel, for example, is such a historic gem that you would expect it to be swamped already.

Is the castle worth it for visitors paying £15 per head? Probably, because you get so many bangs for your bucks: walled gardens, augmented by the spectacular Earl Collector's Garden opened last summer; the keep and its ancient battlements, voice-overs re-enacting a Civil War siege; and then the house itself, largely rebuilt in the late-19th Century and family home for generations of the Howards, one England's great Catholic families.

Beyond the castle are the sort of attractions that would enable a family to holiday happily



**LIVING HISTORY:** Spectacular Arundel Castle offers visitors an array of activities for a fun-packed day out

around Arundel this summer for a week.

At Swanborough Lake, where families go boating beneath cliffs covered in trees and bushes, the setting is so perfect that Sir Winston Churchill tried to paint it when he stayed at the castle.

Nearby, the 65-acre Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, part of the famous charity based at Slimbridge, offers challenges galore with an 'eco' theme: sunrise safaris; evening bat walks; silent, electric boat rides; summer pond-dipping and bug-hunting; collections of rare species of wildfowl; and play areas with two new giant bird feeders large enough for children to climb inside.

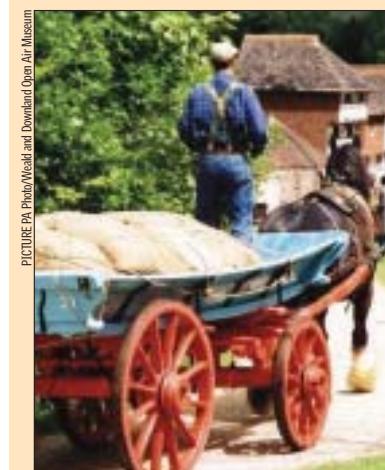
A couple of miles away was our base to explore this delightful corner of West Sussex: the remarkable Bailiffs court Hotel, one of few country-house hotels with the sea at the

bottom of the garden – the English Channel on the shingle of Climping Beach.

With mellow stone walls beneath a massive thatched roof, Bailiffs court would appear to be a centuries-old Cotswold house. In fact, this splendid architectural fake was created by the Guinness family in the 1930s, and has become the sort of place where couples go for a quiet, luxurious stay to remember.

Forget all that waffle about Wi-Fi – our room had a huge four-poster bed, an open fireplace, already laid with paper and kindling, and a basket of logs to be tossed on the flames whenever we felt a tad chilly.

Next morning, before breakfast, the ultimate luxury: a choice between a visit to the health club with both indoor and outdoor pools, or an easy stroll down to the beach to share the rising dawn with the wave-skimming seagulls.



**RURAL LIFE:** Get a taste of days gone by at The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum

## FACT FILE: WEST SUSSEX

Time difference	None
County town	Chichester
Language	English
Population	780,000
Currency	Sterling
Religion	Christian
Climate	Temperate

## Travel facts

Jeremy Gates was a guest of Bailiffs court Hotel & Spa, Climping, West Sussex, with double rooms (B&B) from £210 per night. Reservations: 01903 723511 or log on to [www.lshhotels.co.uk](http://www.lshhotels.co.uk).

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Offset mortgages can work saving wonders

OFFSET mortgages can be attractive for borrowers with spare cash they want to hang on to but that is not earning much interest because of low interest rates.

This type of mortgage allows homeowners to use their savings to reduce loan costs while keeping access to their money – and to earn an interest rate of 4.6 per cent.

They work because those who use them as well as taking out a mortgage have a separate savings account with the bank that has lent the mortgage.

Instead of receiving interest, these linked accounts reduce the interest paid on the mortgage.

The account balance is subtracted from the mortgage debt, with loan interest only charged on the net difference.

According to First Direct, the average homeowner earns 4.6 per cent on savings linked to these mortgages.

However, offset loan rates can be higher than those on other mortgages.

Offsets make most sense for borrowers with significant savings, particularly higher-rate taxpayers who would otherwise lose 40 per cent of their interest in taxable accounts.

### Company tackles site shunned by builders

REGENERATION specialist the Brownfield Land Assembly Company has bought the old Bede and Dunstan Homes in College Road, Deal, and plans to build 16 new affordable homes.

The five two-bedroom houses and 11 three-bedroom houses will be built to Level 3 of the Government's Code for Sustainable Homes and will be among the greenest in the area.

BLAC is funded by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency and has been established by Hyde Housing Association Limited, RJ Barwick Limited and South East England Development Agency to tackle the shortage of housing in the South East.

It is funded specifically to identify, acquire and make useable difficult development sites. The College Road site had not attracted commercial interest due to the presence of asbestos, demolition costs and flood-risk issues.

BLAC is now working with Dover District Council and the Environment Agency to prepare the half-acre site for construction. Subject to planning permission, it is hoped construction will begin towards the end of the year.



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# Prepay charges that punish county's poor

ENERGY firms operating in the county may be in breach of EU rules by overcharging thousands of our poorest households.

The warning comes from the National Housing Federation as energy regulator Ofgem has been accused of failing hard-up families.

It comes after it emerged that several energy firms were allowed to overcharge prepay meter customers by £464 million over a three-year period.

While they are allowed to charge higher prices to prepay customers to cover meter installation and maintenance costs, those charges need to be 'cost-reflective', otherwise suppliers risk being in breach of EU directives.

Between 2006-08, millions of prepay meter customers were charged well in excess of the average extra cost for installing and maintaining both gas and electricity prepay meters,

■ BY NICK AMES

estimated by Ofgem as being £87 over direct debit tariffs.

According to official figures, npower, British Gas, E.ON, SSE and Scottish Power all charged prepay customers more than the average cost of supplying meters – even though households with prepay meters only have an average income of £16,000.

Many prepay meter users in the region are classed as vulnerable customers such as single-parent families.

Even though they pay for their fuel up front, the big energy firms have frequently charged them more in recent years than any other customer group.

Ofgem is to finish consulting on the new regulations that it hopes will stop energy firms from charging prepay customers more for their gas and electricity than the figure justi-

fied by the extra cost to the supplier of providing a meter. The watchdog said the aim of the changes to the regulations was to "better reflect the EU directives and to address the detriment caused to consumers".

Simon Nunn, southern head for the National Housing Federation, said: "It is an absolute disgrace that those who are least able to afford it are being penalised because of the way they pay their bills.

"Unscrupulous energy firms have been overcharging vulnerable people for years and Ofgem now needs to act to defend the rights of ordinary people rather than protecting the profits of big business.

"Some companies, including npower, E.ON and Scottish Power, have already proved that energy firms can absorb the additional costs rather than passing them on to their poorest customers, and Ofgem must outlaw the practice of discriminating against prepay meter users once and for all."

# Welcome home for the Forces



HOME TO ROOST: Celebrations at the first Armed Forces Day look set to continue as Ward Homes offers military personnel a financial incentive to get on the property ladder

THE county's military servicemen and women are being offered incentives to help them get their feet on the property ladder.

People employed by the Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, as well as anyone who served in the wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, all qualify for an Armed Forces Discount Scheme from Kent housebuilder Ward Homes.

The scheme is available at Eden Village in Sittingbourne, Priory Meadows on Sheppey, The Woodlands in Boughton Monchelsea and its latest development, Pavilion Place in Snodland, which was launched this month.

Anyone set to retire from the Armed Forces this year will be eligible until the end of 2009.

They will be offered a £500 discount for

every £25,000 or part thereof on the cost of the property they are buying.

For example, on a home costing £126,000 they would qualify for a reduction of £3,000.

The move has been brought in to coincide with Armed Forces Day.

"This country rightly celebrates the achievements of its Armed Forces, which many regard as the best in the world," said Tim Nabbs, sales director for Ward Homes.

"We have an established track record of helping people into home ownership and this offer should enable servicemen and women to finally own their own homes and save money.

"What gives us the edge over other people selling homes is that we provide customers

with innovative financial incentives which enable them to get a mortgage."

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Eden Village include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, priced from £146,950.

Two-bedroom houses are available for sale at Priory Meadows from £139,950.

Three-bedroom houses are available at The Woodlands, with prices starting at £224,950.

Pavilion Place, a development of 44 homes, has also been launched.

Homes available for the Armed Forces Discount Scheme at Pavilion Place include two-, three- and four-bedroom houses, with prices starting at £199,950.

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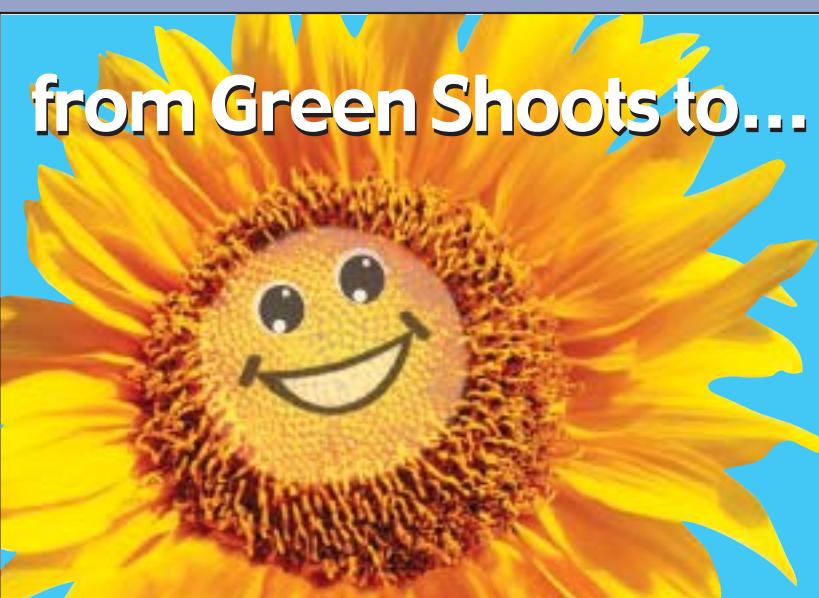
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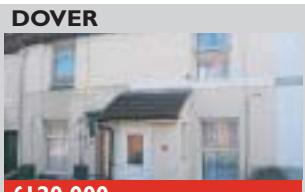
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### New Jaguar XJ wows celebrities at launch

JAGUAR flew in American chat show star and car fan Jay Leno to launch its new XJ flagship to a celebrity audience in London.

It underlined how crucial this new stunner is to the British executive marque, especially as it breaks a styling tradition begun in the 1960s by the Mark X and refined by the original XJ6.

A square grille remains, but twin headlights have gone, replaced by sweeping slits fronting a slippery four-door aluminium coupé body. It arrives in early 2010 priced from £52,500.



### New Mini celebrates making 1.5m milestone

JUST weeks after marking 50 years of the original Mini, BMW's Oxford plant reached another milestone by producing the 1.5 millionth 'new Mini' since its launch in 2001.

Inspired by and emulating the 60s icon, the new generation series has been a UK export success, sold in more than 80 countries and an all-electric Mini E also goes on trial in the UK soon with government support. Some 5.3 million 'classic' Minis (1959-2000) were built, taking the combined Mini count to 6.8m.



### Kangoo II proves that it's no 'van ordinaire'

JUST as Britain's recession-hit drivers shun glitz and glamour, French carmakers have boosted the appeal of utility MPVs like the Renault Kangoo.

The second generation Kangoo is no longer disadvantaged in consumers' eyes by being van-based; the more expensive Renault Scenic was the donor this time, yet Kangoo prices begin at a recession-busting £11,200 for a more spacious car with the same rear sliding doors layout to tempt a variety of buyers needing a weekday van/weekend family holdall.



A WORK OF ART: Citroën's seven-seat Grand Picasso has plenty of stowage, with big lidded bins on the dashboard, and can be driven in fully automatic mode or as a manual

# Picasso hangs up well in the Citroën MPV gallery

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150bhp motor takes the Grand Picasso to 62mph in 10.2 seconds. And the six-speed EGS can also be driven in fully automatic mode or as a clutchless manual using a sequential lever or paddle shifts either side of the stationary steering wheel hub – now a Citroën trademark.

Wilmoths, Maidstone general sales manager Kelvin Clayton, said: "Even I didn't like the sound of this combination at first, but the 1.6 engine has plenty of go and the gearbox learns your style of driving."

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Amazingly, the EGS can memorise up to four regular drivers; once it has your 'number' it recognises who has slipped behind the wheel and adopts the correct mode.

And while it cannot match a diesel fuel saving, this cheaper petrol auto combination offers greater economy than a conventional manual, as well as low emissions to make it a reasonably 'green' option.

Our mid-range VTR+ model is priced at £19,855, but Wilmoths currently has a £1,500 Grand Picasso discount promotion plus zero per cent finance.



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18.5 hours per week

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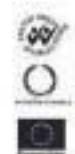
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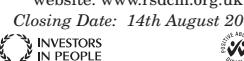
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## CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

## Kent League Division One

Folkestone 1st XI v The Mote 1st XI

FOLKESTONE missed the chance to move into the top three in Division One thanks to a losing draw against The Mote at Cheriton Road.

Just nine points separated the sides going into the match, but neither side could find the break needed to secure victory on Saturday.

The visitors batted first and made a solid start with openers James Marriott (56) and Tom Harvey (46) causing Folkestone early problems. Ashok Kaydem and Joshua Bryen stemmed the flow of runs with two wickets apiece.

However, Folkestone were unable to stop James Hodgson (73) and Daniel Thirkell (77) putting The Mote in a strong position.

After their allotted 50 overs, Folkestone were set 278 to win.

Despite losing Nick Graham for just eight runs, Folkestone's batsmen led the run chase well.

It proved to be a difficult day for bowlers all round as The Mote's attack also struggled to find a steady flow of wickets.

Joshua Bryen hit a competent unbeaten 85 to lead the charge for Folkestone, but it was not enough for the home side on the day, as they reached 212 for 3 after 50 overs.

# Bowlers toil but Bryen steers Folkestone close



APPEAL: Folkestone's bowlers found wickets hard to come by against The Mote as they missed the chance to move into the top three

## SCOREBOARD

## The Mote

	Runs
James Marriott b Kadam	56
Tom Harvey ct Graham b Bryen	46
James Hodgson ct Sage b Kadam	73
Daniel Thirkell not out	77
Ed De Lucy not out	12
Chris Back did not bat	
Umesh Valjee did not bat	
Laurence Waters did not bat	
Kym Daley did not bat	
Glen Ankett did not bat	
Nicholas Coles did not bat	
Extras (2b 1lb 9w 1nb)	13
Total (3 wickets, 50 overs)	277
Bowlers	
0 M R W	
Michael James 13 1 64 0	
Andy Bray 12 1 71 0	
Ashok Kadam 15 1 76 2	
Joshua Bryen 8 0 42 1	
Luke Sage 2 0 21 0	

## Folkestone

Runs	
David Miles b Harvey	46
Nick Graham ct Waters b De Lucy	8
Ashok Kadam ct Coles b Harvey	19
Daniel Clark not out	45
Joshua Bryen not out	85
Luke Sage did not bat	
Laurence Ward did not bat	
Stuart Graham did not bat	
Andy Bray did not bat	
Michael James did not bat	
Matt Day did not bat	
Extras (1b 1lb 7w)	9
Total (3 wickets, 50 overs)	212
Bowlers	
0 M R W	
Kym Daley 10 0 45 0	
Ed De Lucy 6 1 19 1	
Tom Harvey 15 2 68 2	
Glen Ankett 11 3 40 0	
Laurence Waters 2 0 12 0	
James Hodgson 6 0 26 0	

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Catford &amp; Cyphers 1st XI v Sibton Park

## 1st XI

SIBTON Park's relentless winning form continued with a 118-run victory despite a poor showing with the bat.

Park could only make 159 from their innings as Catford & Cyphers looked to have carved themselves a chance of an upset. Jamie Keeler top scored for Sibton with 36.

However, Sibton's bowlers produced a destructive display to bowl out the home side for just 41. Trevor Lewis ripped through the top and middle order finishing with stunning figures of 5 for 13.

## Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter	34
Andy Allon	11
Jamie Keeler	36
Steve Hobbs	0
Ben Allon	17
Daniel Lodge	run out
Ben Carberry	15
William Purcell	12
Steven Rowe	8
Tim Smith	8
Trevor Lewis	7
Extras	(2b 4lb 1w 1nb)
Total	(all out, 49.5 overs) 159

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Patrick Henry	15	5	44	3
Omar Clarke	9	1	26	2
David Golby	4	0	18	0
Richard Dear	14.5	4	41	2
Patrick Fullerton	7	1	24	1

## Catford &amp; Cyphers

	Runs
Kyle Perera	1
David Gayle	0
David Golby	5
Richard Dear	0
Charlie Packard	13
Billy Hamnett	2
Omar Clarke	0
Howard Chambers	0
Dennis Chambers	2
Patrick Fullerton	10
Patrick Henry	0
Extras	(4b 3w 1nb)
Total	(all out, 15.5 overs) 41

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	8	1	18	3
Trevor Lewis	7	2	13	5
Ben Carberry	0.5	0	6	2

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Betteshanger Colliery 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

DESPITE scoring just 95, Betteshanger Colliery wrapped up a 23-run victory thanks to impressive bowling from Andrew and Michael McNicholas.

Offham had Betteshanger in trouble after dismissing them for 95 from 34 overs as Chris Garton provided the only resistance with a knock of 48.

In reply, Offham struggled to find any rhythm and were quickly in danger of an embarrassing defeat. The McNicholas's claimed four wickets apiece to bowl Offham out for 72 and record a surprise victory.

## Betteshanger Colliery

	Runs
Clive Towe	4
Chris Garton	48
Liam Collins	2
Jamie Towe	0
Andrew McNicholas	0
Derek Town	0
Gareth Friend	3
Tom Longdon	1
Martin Jones	10
Extras	(6lb 9w 4nb)
Total	(all out, 34 overs) 19

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	15	2	50	5
Andy Cox	12	6	26	4
Graham Razey	5	1	10	1
Simon Hallbrook	2	1	3	0

## Offham

	Runs
Graham Razey	2
Tom Gittings	5
Leonard Watt	30
Ben Gittings	8
Lawrence Bell	3
Adam Kent	7
Daniel Blakburn	0
Nathan Faulkes	0
Andy Cox	6
Simon Hallbrook	3
Nathan Brookner	0
Extras	(2b 4lb 1w 1nb)
Total	(all out, 39.3 overs) 72

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Andrew McNicholas	19	7	40	4
Jamie Towe	8	4	4	2
Michael McNicholas	12.3	2	22	4

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Lordswood 1st XI

SANDWICH Town came close to ending Lordswood impressive start to the season in a narrow two-wicket defeat.

Town, lying third in the league, were hoping to close the gap to the league leaders but could only score 197 from their 50 overs. David Draper was the star of the innings with a knock of 60.

The victory looked to be on for Sandwich as their bowlers quickly dismissed Lordswood's openers for just 12. Lordswood kept chipping away at the total set by Sandwich and managed to surpass it with three overs remaining.

## Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	32
David Scoggins	46
Robert Getham	16
Vishant Singh	0
David Draper	60
Rhys Jones	11
James Bolt	6
Gavin Lawrence	3
Craig Spanton	10
Matthew van Poppel	7
Jack Bradley	did not bat
Extras	(6lb)
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs) 197

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Daniel Masters	9	1	57	2
James Iles	12	1	34	2
Richard Cross	14	3	43	0
John Williams	5	0	17	1
Darren Scott	10	0	40	3

## Lordswood

	Runs
Chris Thompson	5
Alan Patten	7
Peter Stock	23
Lyndon Lockhart	22
Darren Scott	24
Jeremy Greaves	63
Matt Iles	2
Daniel Masters	0
James Iles	24
John Williams	not out
Richard Cross	did not bat
Extras	(1b 10lb 9w 1nb)
Total	(8 wickets, 47 overs) 198

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	2	32	2
Jack Bradley	13	1	59	4
Matthew van Poppel	4	0	19	0
David Draper	8	1	43	1
Craig Snell	7	0	34	1

## Deal Victoria

	Runs
Andrew Furness	1
Mark Birkett	12
Stephen Moran	19
Matthew Carley	6
Sam Killip	8
Ben Smith	6
Andrew Miller	27
Robbie Brannan	24
Scott McNamara	26
Graham McNamara	5
Ian Holbrook	did not bat
Extras	(5b 1lb)
Total	(8 wickets, 36.1 overs) 140

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Paul Bacon	12	3	52	4
Simon Bennett	3	0	10	0
Paul Dennington	12	3	39	3
Ian Linsell	6	1	22	0
Richard Gower	3.1	1	11	1

# Invicta in stout display against Gills



CONTENT: Neil Cugley would have been happy with his young squad and their performance against Gillingham

FOLKESTONE Invicta began their pre-season campaign on Saturday with a tough test against newly-promoted League One side Gillingham.

A crowd of 485 turned out for the game at the Buzzlins Stadium, which was Gillingham's first since their League Two play-off final triumph at Wembley in May.

Gills boss Mark Stimson brought his first-team down to meet Neil Cugley's new look Invicta, which featured new signing Michael Yianni and trialist Billy Summerville.

The visitors started brightly and forced a number of saves from Folkestone goalkeeper Jack Delo. Invicta's best chance of the first half fell to James Everitt, but his shot was saved by Alan Julian.

Gillingham's class shone through and

## FOOTBALL

### Folkestone Invicta 0 Gillingham 3

they wrapped a 3-0 victory. Luke Rooney opened the scoring on 26 minutes and was followed by goals from Mark McCammon and Chris Palmer in the second half.

Elsewhere at the club, former Gills striker Jacob Arnold-Smith, who was on loan at Invicta last season, will not be rejoining for the coming campaign.

Arnold-Smith who featured heavily for Invicta towards the end of last season, has secured a place at a university in Scotland. While he is completing his studies, the forward will train with Scottish side Falkirk.

## CATCH OF THE DAY



# Birchall signs, now Hess eyes up Southall reunion

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

FORMER Barnet striker Adam Birchall has joined Dover Athletic on a two-year deal and former Gillingham player Nicky Southall could also be joining the Whites.

Birchall, the 24-year-old striker, agreed terms on Monday and becomes Dover's fourth summer signing.

With Birchall joining the Whites, Hessenthaler is no longer pursuing trialist striker Lassana Sidibe, who featured for the club during the final games of last season.

Hessenthaler admitted it took time to persuade Maidstone-born Birchall but feels he will significantly add to his strike force.

He told Yourdover: "Adam comes to us with great pedigree by starting his career at Arsenal and I am delighted to have got him. He is a local lad and this season we have had to look at local players because of the geography of Dover."

"I think if we were located a lot nearer London, the likes of Charlie Sheringham would have joined us. It took some time to persuade Adam as he is dropping to non-league, but I am sure he will enjoy it here."



NEW SIGNING: Former AFC Wimbledon midfielder Tom Davis made his debut for Dover during their pre-season friendly defeat to Barnet on Saturday

Picture: SIMON HARRIS

The Whites began their pre-season campaign on Saturday with a 2-1 defeat at home to League Two side Barnet. Summer signings Lee Hook, Jake Leberl and Tom Davis featured alongside a number of trialists. Framrie Collin scored Dover's goal during the first half.

Former Gills winger Southall played 90 minutes for the Whites and Hessenthaler believes

there is a chance he could join the club on permanent basis for next season.

He said: "We will be certainly talking to him about a possible deal. It all depends on the budget really I will have to talk to the chairman to see if we can do it."

Right-back Matt Fish will miss the start of the season to undergo a shoulder operation.

## Bait up, there's big bass to be found

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

WITH the sudden change to unsettled weather we are now fishing autumn conditions, with small codling being caught at Dungeness.

**PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTONE:** If the wind blows south to south-east, this area can fish after dark.

**DUNGENESS:** Around the point should throw up some big bass – the biggest I have heard of so far is more than 16lb. Low water going into dark should be best and classic worm baits should produce results. Don't be surprised to catch a few small codling until the water clears.

**DENGE MARSH & GALLOWAYS:** Depending on the tide, these venues are great surf beaches in a south-westerly, up to a force five. Again bass would be the target, with sole number one if the wind drops after dark.

**JURYS GAP:** In these conditions it can be difficult being so shallow, but again after dark should be best.

**BOAT-FISHING:** The banks still offer the best chance, with plaice, dabs and black bream. Rough ground is producing mixed species including codling. With the water churned up by the weather, it is worth trying dragging baits in deep water.

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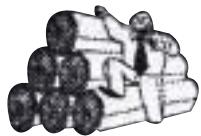
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